

**NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**COMMISSION ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION**

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Chairman Heitkamp, Commission member, I'm Don Snyder from the Children and Family Services, Department of Human Services.

I have been asked to share some information on potential cost for replication of a short-term crisis intervention program. I have prepared a draft budget for one year dealing with "CRISIS INTERVENTION ASSESSMENT/REUNIFICATION SERVICES, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.

This is one of the many programs Youth Works provides in Bismarck and Fargo and one that I have worked very closely with in the past. To replicate this one program into a region such as Williston or Dickinson, my estimation of cost would be about \$351,200 per year or \$702,000 for the biennium.

If such a program were developed in collaboration with law enforcement, private providers, counties and the Department of Human Services, the cost could be as low as 120,000 per year. You have already heard from Youth Works, regarding their programming and outcomes. These types of services would have a huge impact on reducing the entry into foster care or legal system.

When I was personally involved with their programming, approximately 91% of the children and their families were kept intact, many children never spent a night out of the home.

I hope this information is helpful and I would try to answer any question you may have.